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As we promised, highlighting the first *Gateway* of 1982 is the Great Buckley Standoff - not a debate, because the contenders, editors Andersen and Michalyshyn, could not agree on the criteria - but we have on the one hand, adulation, on the other, vituperation. See if you can guess which is which.

Here's one we didn't promise: next Tuesday, January 12, the *Gateway* will help celebrate Engineering Week by printing anything and everything, within reasonable limits, that our readers wish to say about the Engineer's controversial festivity. Deadline is Monday, January 11 for the big Eng. Week Forum; no backstabbing please.

Note: Due to changes in Engineering Week rules, kidnapping Engineering Week Queens is considered a federal offense; any person caught attempting a kidnapping will be charged accordingly.

By the way, this is the *Gateway* you are reading.

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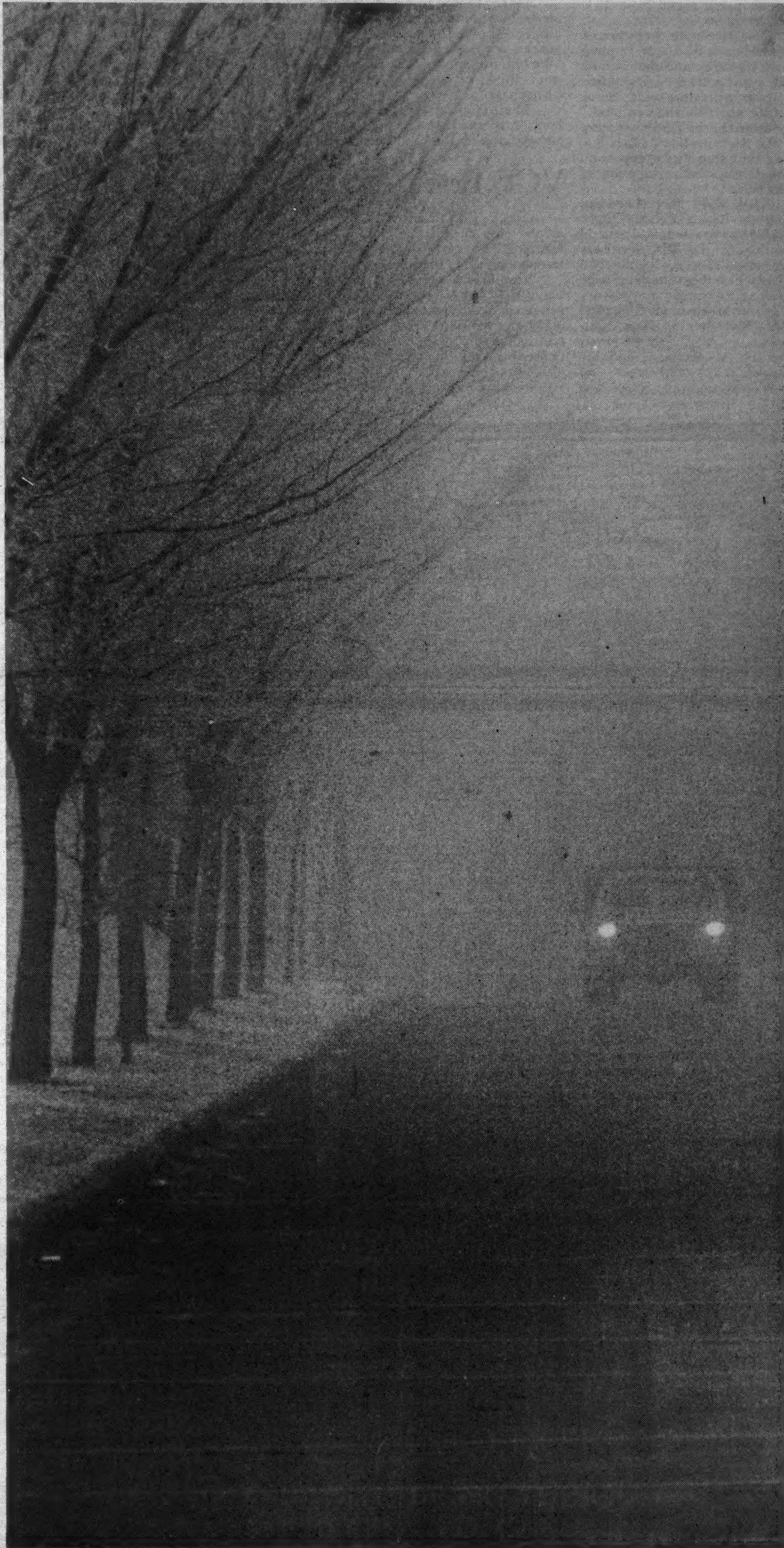


Photo Ray Giguere

Have you ever wondered why the *Gateway* arrives so late in the afternoon? Well, you see, the delivery truck leaves so early, the driver does not have perfect visibility, and the truck gets lost. It is not until the late afternoon that the truck finds the university.

Aborted Christmas ad

TORONTO (CUP) — An abortion rights group has succeeded in getting the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) to ban an anti-abortion ad aimed at the Christmas shopping crowd from TTC vehicles.

The advertisement pictures a toy soldier with a tear running down its cheek and the caption, "Some toys will have less children to play with this year. Some 65,000 aborted children 'less.'" Sponsored by the Toronto chapter of the Right to Life Association, the ad was scheduled to appear on TTC vehicles at the beginning of December.

However, the Canadian Abortion Rights Action League (CARAL) appeared at a general meeting of the TTC members November 17 to ask them to ban the ad which they considered to be insulting to women.

In an article in the *Globe and Mail* November 3, Diane Nannarone, of CARAL said the ad was offensive to everyone, and the association of Christmas and abortion was "simply designed to

make women feel guilty." Nannarone also said the ad was scientifically incorrect when it stated that children, rather than fetuses, are aborted.

In the same article, Laura McArthur, president of Right to Life in Toronto said the ad was tasteful and appropriately timed. "We're trying to sell human life. I can't think of anything more Christmasy."

The TTC members agreed to ban the ad and broke their legal agreement with the Right to Life

Association, reversing a previous decision to display the posters.

The Right to Life Association feels that banning the ad is a curtailment of free speech and that CARAL's reaction is an indication of how much they fear the poster's effectiveness.

The ad, entitled "Crying Soldier", was designed by Creative Services of Toronto and won the CQLO Award in the Public Service Category for advertising in New York in June.

VCF Book Exchange reopens

Once again students are caught up in that migratory lemming-like craze, the second term book buying blues.

Yes, line-ups are now forming at the U of A Bookstore, but you can avoid the craze by buying books at the VCF (Varsity Christian Fellowship) Book Exchange or used book sale in the basement of the Student's Union Building.

People can bring their used

books to the curling rink from January 5 - 7 (Tuesday to Thursday). Books will be sold on January 8, 11, and 12 (Friday, Monday and Tuesday). Books can then be returned on January 13 and 14 (Wednesday and Thursday). All remaining stock will be sold at half price on January 15 (Friday), the last day of the sale.

VCF Book Exchange hours will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Canadian University Press

NOTES

Embezzlers and Spies

OTTAWA (CUP) — A former Carleton University pub manager has been arrested in the United States on charges of conspiring to overthrow a South American government.

Ron Mertens was fired by the Students' association in 1977 following a dispute over the whereabouts of \$2,700. Now, he is suing the association for wrongful dismissal.

But, before Mertens can appear in court in Ottawa, he will have to face charges of general conspiracy and conspiracy to negotiate the overthrow of a foreign government. Mertens is in jail in Houston, Texas, with his bail set at \$1,000,000.

According to a recent article in *The Ottawa Citizen*, Mertens was arrested after American agents posing as South American guerrillas handed a suspect a brief case allegedly filled with a \$600,000 down payment for \$30 million worth of arms.

"The weapons shipment, which was supposed to include American and Spanish-made mortars, hand grenades, a helicopter and automatic rifles, has not yet turned up, though U.S. customs officials said they believe the weapons are on a ship in the Pacific Ocean near Costa Rica," stated the article in *The Citizen*.

"He's innocent 'till proven guilty," said student association finance commissioner Brian Stephenson. "But if he's convicted down there, it may have implications on his character."

"Having to face charges in the States may interfere with his case here," he added.

Counter strike mounted

Agriculture students are already planning a counter-strike to upcoming Engineering Week activities.

Engineering Week runs from January 11 - 15. One of the activities will be a blood donor clinic to be held in the pedway between CAB and the Cameron Library.

The Agriculture Club plans to hold another Blood donation clinic in SUB during Engineering Week.

"The Red Cross says they're really short of blood," says Dwight Cole, Agriculture Faculty Council representative and the blood drive organizer for the Agriculture Club.

Cole explains that the Agriculture Club decided to run a blood clinic during Engineering Week to give it a high profile.

"We're (blood drive organizers) telling them (Agriculture students) that Engineers are coming," he says.

The Agriculture Club is informing all the classes about the drive, and getting the professors to push the event.

A 100 per cent participation goal has been set. A similar event has recently been held by the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan.

"In Saskatchewan, they actually came close," Cole says. The event garnered about 96 per cent participation from the faculty.

"It's a tough mark to make," he adds. "I think we can give her a shot."

The Agriculture band *Attack* will circulate around the campus checking on Agriculture students to see if they have donated.

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Partial justice for tradeswomen

By Sally Mackenzie of the Kootenay Reporter.

Mavis Mitchell is an apprentice machinist at Cominco in Trail. She started her apprenticeship two and a half years ago and was the first woman apprentice hired. KR: What does your work involve?

Mavis: I run a lathe and a milling machine and I rip apart big pumps and gear boxes and stuff like that.

KR: What is a milling machine?

Mavis: It's like a lathe except instead of the work turning, its your tool that's turning and your material is stationary.

KR: How long is your apprenticeship?

Mavis: Four years. We have to do four months of school and it gets pretty heavy. Lots of math. That is more or less what my job is, comprehending angles. It is sort of an applied physics job. You have to learn the physical properties of metal before you start working on it. And what type of tools to use. When I was starting I didn't understand the tool business at all but I finally got it.

I am surprised Cominco hasn't hired anymore female machinists. I have asked them several times why they haven't and they say there is no one with the scholastic ability for my trade. You are usually hired on vocational training, what your marks were like in machine shop and industrial science in high school. But I was academic, I didn't really plan on doing this although I did have industrial science, I had math 12 and chemistry 12 and in both subjects I had a B average.

I wanted to do it even when I was in high school. I really like the whole idea of getting paid to learn something. I wanted to go back to school but I didn't know what I wanted to take so I was just sort of wasting away in Rossland for a year and a half. I was tired of being unemployed and crappy wages and all that stuff. I did apply for work at Cominco just to be a labourer but they told me I was too light to even get a job in the tank rooms so I thought 'Oh, I'll never be a machinist.' I was really surprised when they hired me because I was really lightweight then.

When I applied for the job they were hiring 12 apprentices and I imagine if they didn't hire me there would have been something flying around down there. I knew they were being pressured by the government to have a woman apprentice by 1980. They hired me eight months before that. I was the trial.

They told me I wouldn't last, the doctor said 'Oh, you're not going to last. You're not big enough or strong enough.'

So I felt I was under a lot of pressure. I wanted to quit for the first little while because one of the bosses was being really strange. He is retired, but he was just being really strange, like 'it's a man's world' and that sort of stuff. But I couldn't even tell that to other women. I'd say I want to quit and they would look at me like 'What? You're not quitting for something as trivial as that.' So I did stick it out.

My family was pretty good and stood behind me, and my brothers always let me know they felt what I was doing was pretty good. They always felt a woman was as equal as a man. They were probably the ones that got me interested.

One of my brothers is a steel fabricator another one took a pipe-fitting apprenticeship and they were always talking - "It's too bad a woman can't get a job down there like that".

KR: Was there much hostility from the guys you were working with when you first started?

Mavis: There were a lot of guys that were mad before I got hired. Like 'there is no way I want to work with a woman'. I think they thought I was only there to pick up a husband. After I was there for awhile, most of the guys that were really dead set against me started to become really good friends of mine. I get along with everyone down there. Mind you, I almost go

was really nice. I got accepted at school because those three guys had been working with me for the past year and considered it just normal. It wasn't like I was strange or anything. And it was great because both times I have gone there, there has been another woman machinist going to school at the same time.

KR: Do you need a lot of strength?

Mavis: No, we've got cranes and other people if it is something

easier. The work itself I got the hang of fairly fast. I had lots of help, I never hesitated to ask for help, but it was just feeling so all alone that was the hardest thing. Feeling like I was being tested. I don't get that feeling anymore because they know I can do it and they don't expect too much of me or put me down.

KR: Do you know if Cominco has plans to hire anymore female apprentices?

"Out of 3,000 people working at Cominco there are only 40 women in the actual production work."

out of my way to get along. You kind of have to do that when you are working with people. I think it is not any different anywhere.

KR: Do you feel under pressure to perform all the time?

Mavis: For the longest time the tour guides used to bring the whole tour down and I was starting to feel 'What is this - the zoo?'

Then one of the guys gave them hell because it was starting to impair my work, a tour would come along and I would start falling to pieces. I wanted to turn my lathe off and not do anything while they were there.

Now I am kind of used to it. The first little while I really felt pressured to do good. I don't know why. I probably tried a lot harder than most of the guys. You feel when you are the first you don't want to blow it for everyone else.

KR: You haven't had any trouble with guys not wanting to explain stuff to you?

Mavis: No, quite the contrary. Quite a few of them were really glad this was happening. It was sort of a novelty.

When I started, I didn't know which way to turn a bolt to undo it or do it up. A guy I worked with told me to take something apart and I was trying to tighten the bolts to get them off. He said, 'God, don't you know anything about this job?', and I said, 'nope', and he said, 'don't tell anyone.'

I think I was sort of hand-picked for who I was working with so the people would be amiable and easy to get along with. Because I really think they did want it to work out.

Most of them are good. If I had a problem, I could just go and tell them and that was it.

I am off to school every year in Vancouver for my apprenticeship. For the first two year I went down with three guys so that

that is too small for a crane.

Actually anyone can do it. You have to not mind getting your hands dirty and not be afraid.

KR: Why did you decide on machinist?

Mavis: I applied as a machinist because I am a fertile woman and any fertile woman can't work in the lead area in Trail. That eliminated just about every apprenticeship down there. I could have been a machinist or an armature winder because both of them are basically in the shop jobs and not considered in the lead area.

KR: Do you think the lead hazard is legitimate? Supposedly it gives you fetal damage and you will have a mentally retarded child or something like that. I think it affects the guys too. The only way they can make it better is to make those lead areas cleaner so there are better working conditions.

But there are so many areas at Cominco where you are not in the lead, so they can't use that. Like all of the fertilizer plant in Warfield, there is no reason why a woman couldn't work out there. There is no lead up there, there is no lead in central shops, there is no lead in the tank rooms, there is no lead in the melting rooms. There is only the lead area you can't go into and they hold that over your head. Like you can't be an instrument mechanic because you can't go into the lead area, you can't be an electrician because you can't go into the lead area. There are electrical problems all over Cominco and you don't necessarily have to go in the lead areas.

KR: What kind of things would have made it easier for you when you started?

Mavis: If there had been another woman machinist just so that I didn't feel...even if there had been another female apprentice at Cominco, it would have been

pressure put on the government to pressure places like Cominco into hiring women.

The union would probably be a really good way to get more women. I don't think they're doing anything though. They should put pressure on Cominco to put in facilities for women. That is another one of their deals - they say they are not going to hire women because they don't have facilities. It would cost too much to make change rooms, we don't have washrooms and this is one of their copouts. Maybe the union should put pressure on them to have women's facilities everywhere and then they can't use that as an excuse.

The union could put pressure on the Members of Parliament and the government themselves. And maybe going to schools and letting it be known to younger women that are still in high school that this is one of the things they can think about as a career. There probably aren't many girls who apply because they don't think they can get the job.

But I think it will be easier now, especially at places like Cominco where they already have women.



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EDITORIAL

Alternative press

I had the opportunity of spending New Year's Eve with a mad, raving, idealistic, if somewhat intoxicated, socialist who apparently thought he knew me well enough to lecture same on the true and Only purpose of publishing student newspapers (and, by extension, the pursuit of student activities in general).

My trans-ideological friend, who is usually not given to foolishness, knew me better, apparently, than he knew the newspaper I am editor of; that much was obvious from his confession that he had really not read the *Gateway* but that he had heard from journalistic sources close to his heart in Calgary, where he is a student, that the newspaper of the students at the University of Alberta was not — and I quote — "progressive."

I looked down into his eyes, past the waves of inexpensive Bulgarian wine, and saw in them the credulous passions of the committed ideologue: it was not a pleasant sight.

I told my friend that the *Gateway* had published, albeit infrequently, on subjects which might be categorized progressive. But I said if he sensed the paper was not progressive, then, to be sure it was no mistake. That is, the paper was not (at least insofar as I influence what goes into the *Gateway*, which, after writing this, may dwindle noticeably under the harsh operating principles of staff democracy) progressive; and *that*, I added, was because I (the paper, the editorials, and so on...) had no wish to be progressive.

Well. This was too much for my friend who immediately lost all hope and left me alone for the rest of the evening.

However, there are other problems. Among them, that enlightened agency of social change, Canadian University Press (CUP), which runs an admirable advertising network and makes us more money than we pay them for ideological services rendered in part via Canadian University Progressive Press (CUPP), an assumed branch of the former newspaper collective.

On the question of CUP membership and papers' good standing, I quote from a piece of CUP dogma, unofficial, but I suspect supported enthusiastically by the organization:

"CUP should support papers which are trying to be progressive influences in their communities... 'though this does not force any paper to carry a 'CUP' line...' but 'I see nothing wrong with agreeing to cooperate, in an organized way, with only those papers which (among other things): realize that newspapers do have an influence, and are willing to use that influence in a progressive way.'"

That means in practice that I must abide by a statement of principles and a code of ethics which outlaw publishing matters racist or sexist or things otherwise distasteful to the progressive frame of mind. Any deviation from the "CUP" line results, on one hand, a slight chastisement, or, on the other, discontinued access to national advertising via the CUP network (which is CUP's privilege, though not its stated intention, yet).

It is not that I actually would *want* to print *anything* racist or sexist, for *any* reason *whatsoever*. (As did Andy Coyne, former editor of the *Manitoba*, the student newspaper at the University of Manitoba, arguing correctly in defense of his printing sexist advertisements: "I think it's been demonstrated by events in the larger world that the fastest way to combat an attitude, the most effective way, is to expose that attitude to argument, public denouncement, ridicule, and the like.")

It is simply that I reject progressiveness as the obvious direction, for individuals, or for newspapers, in which the worthy goal of social change may be sought. One may argue, fruitfully, that social change should be effected backward, or, at the very least, with two steps forward and one rather large step back.

Peter Michalyszyn

Right tracts

How shrewd the man who observed that Sigmund Freud did more to deprive people of their privacy than any man who ever lived! How? By popularizing a set of categories of disturbed behaviour into which we tend to slot people whose syndromes we vaguely recognize, inviting ourselves to ignore the infinitely various characters of individual human beings.



Seizure no laughing matter

To the Editor of *Folio*:

The article published December 3 under the headline "Gateway Readers Dealt Low Blow" was disgraceful. The issue is not that *Gateway* readers were "deprived of their favorite newspaper for three full days," but that the university, supposedly a citadel of freedom, was the scene of a police raid unworthy of any democratic society. Instead of misplaced condescension toward the students, readers of *Folio* could reasonably have expected some denunciation of the seizure of *The Gateway* on November 19. Police Chief Lunney was quick to apologize, but I have seen no such apology from our own Director of Campus Security, even though the complicity of university personnel was perhaps more heinous than the police action itself.

Immediately after the raid, the protests of various Edmonton journalists and civil liberties spokesmen were published, but I at least read none from university officials until on December 2

President Horowitz was reported as having declared the seizure "offensive...to the university," and still later as having apologized to *The Gateway*. Yet we hear not of reprimands or dismissals of security personnel, but only explanations of their misconduct. Nor have we heard any cries of outrage from the Association of the Academic Staff.

On no other campus that I can think of in the "free world"

would so flagrant an abuse of police powers arouse so mild a protest from within the university itself. Only our students appear to be treating the affair with the gravity that it warrants. Rather than ridicule, the student leaders deserve from *Folio* an abject apology, and from others in the university community, our praise and our gratitude.

Frederick A. de Luna
Professor of History

Critic is homogenized

Re: Andersen's review of *Chivalry Lives*, Dec. 9/81

A reviewer like Jens Andersen starts out with a handicap when writing for a crotchety reader like myself, and if he had any inkling of my prejudices he might have kept the Dec. 9 *Gateway* out of my hands.

Distaste coupled with tolerance only arouses my disgust, and knowing Andersen's sexuality does absolutely nothing to raise

my consciousness of Sereda's album (although I should probably add that I have always felt the liberals should at least be left alone).

I hope this approach to reviewing won't be standard in the future, or can we expect Anita Bryant's next album to score higher for her heterosexuality?

Sincerely,
Brent Johnson
U of A Staff

"Closure" shocks reader

Dear Mr. Michalyszyn:

I wish to express to you my shock at the suppression of the *Gateway*. I can identify even more with the people of Poland because of this cavalier disregard of the right of the students of the University of Alberta to a forum for the free exchange of ideas. I would suggest that all concerned students wear black arm bands

until a vehicle for the free flow of information, essential in any democratic society, be restored to U of A students. But, then, without the *Gateway* how can this call to protest against injustice be effectively promulgated? It is a sad day for freedom and education in Alberta.

Sincerely,
Wilfred S. Canning
Faculty of Theology

**Gateway
staff meeting
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Staff this issue: One by one they struggled in with visions of pink elephants dancing in their heads. Jordan Peterson vowed to never again consider drinking even one Turkey and Rye float, let alone a dozen. Murray Whitby swore he'd never again eat mistletoe after having his stomach pumped twice. David Marples hasn't been heard from since being deported to the Soviet Union. Don Miller sat in a corner with that glazed look that comes with Bowl games overdose. Bruce Longbottom muttered something about Auld Lang Syne and went catatonic. Bill Inglee expressed shock that today wasn't Boxing Day. And Bill (the creep) Buckley stuck his finger up his nose to the fourth joint.

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The Soviet Union: Land of mystery, wonder, and peace

by David Marples

Every time the Bank of Canada's interest rate goes up, every time I hear the words "economic crisis" I cannot help but wish that I was living in the Soviet Union, that mysterious and wonderful land where a hundred different races live together in eternal harmony and quiet satisfaction. In the fields the peasants are working, diligently and happily because they know that they are working for a state in which the people are the all-important factor. I would now like to illustrate the various facets of life in the socialist state, a true socialist state I mean, not some phoney facade like China or Poland (more on the latter in a moment). When you have read my arguments, which contain not one item of fanaticism or dogma, you will conclude, dear reader, that you are wasting your time living in this bourgeois hell hole called North America. More than likely you will pack your bags and head northward.

1. History

The history of the United States and Canada is marred by the disgusting theft of land from the Indians. In the Soviet Union all the land was given freely to the toiling peasants. True there were a few dissenters, kulaks, bourgeois rattlesnakes, but Comrade Stalin, in his infinite wisdom put them to work in factories in the Arctic, where they could put their useless propaganda to proper use. Oh maybe a few million peasants died in Ukraine, but they were all bourgeois nationalists anyway, in the pay of Western imperialists. Some people have mentioned the "purges." But how was a true socialist state supposed to survive on its own without a few good purges to clear the air? Stalin, of course was a psychic. He could tell a man was guilty by looking at his eyebrows. Fortunately, a counter-revolution was averted, and if there weren't enough people left over to make up the Red Army, that was just too bad. Anyway we (the Soviet People, that is) soon recovered and sorted Hitler out good and proper. True the capitalists lent us a few thousand tanks and guns, but we would have made them anyway sooner or later. And look at Europe now. All those states followed the

USSR's example and fraternal leadership, with just the minimum of persuasion. Now an invasion every ten years or so is not so bad if it's going to keep the peace. Everyone knows Hungarians and Czechs are rotten people, with no loyalty. Keep the bastards in line, it's the only thing they understand.

But I am digressing. Finally a brief word about Afghanistan and Poland since much slander has been disseminated about those events by the Anglo-American imperialists. The Afghan people invited the USSR in, in order to link up with the workers of Russia. Brezhnev even has the letter from Karmal and I'm sure would show it to any of you who have doubts. A few exploiters opposed the Red Army, but the majority wanted the Russians in. *Pravda* makes this clear and generously allocated President Brezhnev space to explain his policy. Our aim is peace. Always peace. And we have to have a few wars to attain it. (Lenin, *Sochineniia* XXXVIII, 34th edition, p. 870). As for Poland, Lech Walesa is an American spy, a fact known to anyone with an ounce of sense. A good kick up the arse is what the Poles need and they are

going to get it. Because the USSR seeks peace.

2. Economy

The Soviet economy has expanded by leaps and bounds, completely outproducing its American rival. Soviet cabbage production is twice that of the United States and turnips are gaining rapidly. There are now 236 turnip collective farms in the USSR (United Nations Handbook, 1962, p. 34) most of which are producing more and bigger turnips per acre than their U.S. counterparts. By the year 2045, if the current pace is maintained, and there is no reason to believe otherwise, fantastic though it is, the USSR will be able to feed 45% of its own citizens. And there are a lot of people in the USSR. As for industry, we are untouchable in the world. Admittedly a small percentage of investment goes into armaments, but this is only minor, around 85%. At least 15% of Soviet investment in 1976-80 went to supply the people with consumer needs. Some workers now possess cars, if they're in the party that is, which is only fair. 23% of Soviet apartments now possess bath plugs and

that number is increasing daily. 43% of all collective farm toilets now possess toilet paper, thus these families are now able to actually read *Pravda*. And not all our planes are MiGs. Soviet airlines are amongst the most efficient in the world. Aeroflot hasn't had a crash for 4 months and even that was on a foggy day and with a slippery runway. No one is unemployed. Can people in the West imagine that? Even women work because women are equal in the Soviet state, although President Brezhnev says, they should be at home making babies, but that's another story. Everyone works except for a few thousand drunkards and hooligans who are most probably capitalist plants because they certainly don't act like Soviet people. Most of them are not Russians anyway, but Estonians, Ukrainians, i.e. members of the less intelligent races, lacking in Russian uprightness.

3. Ideology

Finally, a brief word on ideology. The West, of course, is decrepit in its total lack of new ideas. But in the USSR communism has almost been attained. Under the leadership of the great Lenin, Stalin and now the remarkable Brezhnev (with a bit of early work by Marx and somebody Engels, but who remembers them anyway) the USSR has gone forward, uniting the workers of the world, combating fascism wherever it rears its head. In contrast, Reagan hasn't an idea in his head, Haig is a maniac and Weinberger a clueless idiot who probably doesn't know his way to Detroit. Leonid Brezhnev is the possible saviour of the world. Don't let a few million nuclear warheads fool you. Brezhnev is seeking peace, and always will if he has to eliminate a few warmongers to achieve it. And why, you ask, why should the world follow in Russia's footsteps? Brezhnev has the answer and he told me one day, sitting in his pyjamas consuming his early afternoon bottle of vodka. "Bekosh," he spluttered, "We wash de firsh." Simple but profound.

This article was actually intended for use in the December 16 *Getaway*. We sincerely hope that Mr. Marples will forgive this delay.



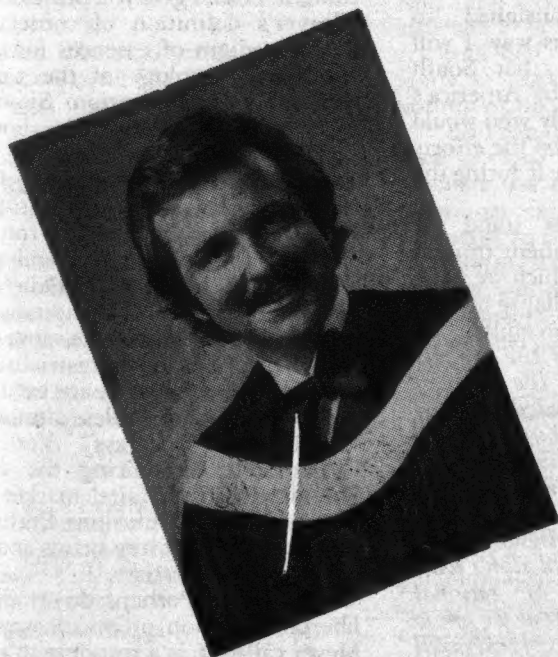
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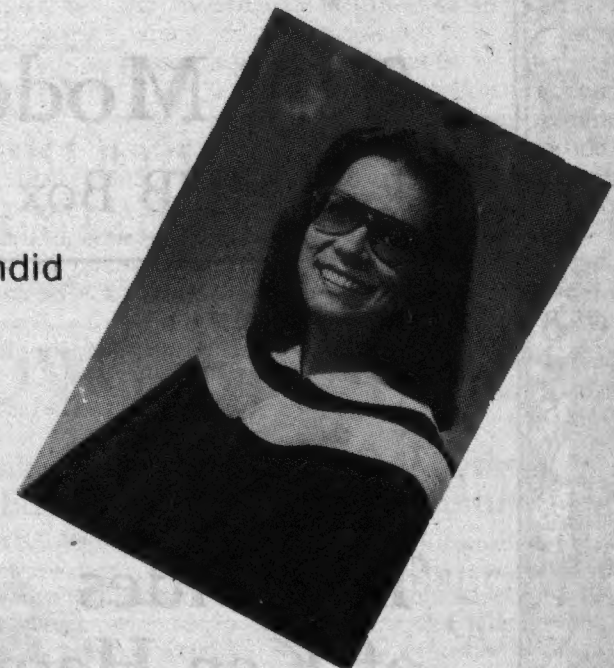
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Wm. F. Buckley, Jr.

by Peter Michalyshyn

How I spent Christmas, or A Beguiling Journey with William F. Buckley Jr.

(The scene: Bach's second Brandenburg Concerto (third movement (allegro assai) playing gaily in the background).

Gateway: Mr. Buckley, tell us really, how wonderful are you?

WFB: Very funny. What is your real question?

Gateway: Please don't misunderstand. I'm just the editor of a schizophrenic university newspaper....

WFB: I was too, once: the Yale Daily News. I was considered the most dangerous undergraduate at Yale in my time, and that because I was anti-radical. Imagine!

Gateway: Yes, I do, often. But as I was saying, this Andersen, the Arts editor, had the effrontery to poke fun — well, his exact words were: *Jens gets off his butt and finally writes his long-awaited essay "A conservative rationale for hating William F. Buckley's guts."*

WFB: Well, I wish him well. To be sure, it is easier to tell what is un-conservative from what is not. I said in an essay in *Did You Ever See a Dream Walking?* that I felt I know, if not what conservatism is, at least who a conservative is. I confess that I know who is a conservative less surely than I know who is a liberal. Blindfold me, spin me about like a top, and I will walk up to the single liberal in the room without zig or zag and find him even if he is hiding behind the flower pot.

Gateway: Where he is to be found, would you say?

WFB: Whereabouts.

Gateway: You have been criticized, widely and virulently, both for your personal views and for those views you allow to be published in your magazine, *National Review*, and aired on your television program, *Firing Line*.

WFB: Oh yes, people withdraw, and write and denounce you, and swear that green grass will never grow over your grave on account of this or that offensive article or editorial or book review; but these losses are merely the human attrition of outspoken journalism.

Gateway: Yet, some people say you are a pussy-footing patrician blowhard, too soft on liberalism for the 'real' conservatives or say your opinions on foreign affairs are too dogmatically McCarthyite. What do you think about that?

WFB: Oh my! Would you care to be more specific?

Gateway: All right. United Nations American Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick believes that right-wing "moderately repressive" dictatorships are preferable to Marxist regimes. Do you concur?

WFB: John Stuart Mill says that despotism is excused as a temporary arrangement, provided the purpose of that despotism is to maximize rather than minimize freedom. I would like to note that the Soviet Union has never supported a war in which the objective was national

liberation. When the Communist powers get involved, the point is *never* national liberation, always satellization. Now, it seems to me that the United States position ought to be to support whatever elements in a particular country are heading in the better of the apparently available directions.

Gateway: I sense that you dislike Communism.

WFB: You are correct. I also dislike detente, what we call 'coexistence'; the philosophical acceptance of coexistence ends us up in hot pursuit of reasons for that acceptance. We continue to find excuses for being cordial to the Soviet Union. Our denunciations of that country's periodic barbarisms — like Afghanistan — become purely perfunctory. This is a callousing experience; it is a lesion of our moral conscience, the historical effects of which cannot be calculated, but they will be bad.

Gateway: I can imagine they're saying the same things in the Soviet Union about coexistence with the American imperialists. How can you be so sure you're right?

WFB: Alas, we are always at the mercy of the naive.

Imperialism suggests the domination of a country for the commercial or glorious benefit of oneself. The Soviet Union began its experience in imperialism not merely by jailing and executing people who disagreed with it but by systematic despoliation. In Czechoslovakia, for instance, they took one, two three billion dollars' worth of capital goods, and removed them physically to the Soviet Union. Far from doing anything of the sort, we did exactly the contrary: we sent our own capital goods to places like France and England and Spain and Latin America. I can't think of any country we've "dominated" or "imperialized" — in the sense in which you use those words — that is worse off as a result of its experience with America than it would have been had we not entered into a temporary relationship with it.

Gateway: In a previous interview, South Vietnam was put up as an example of such a country.

WFB: South Vietnam! My God! Above all, not South Vietnam. Not unless one is willing to say that South Vietnam would be better off satellized by North Vietnam — and drivatively by Asian Communism — and consigned to perpetual tyranny. Put it this way: I will assent to the proposition that South Vietnam has been harmed by America's efforts there only to somebody who would say that France was harmed by the efforts of the Allied armies to liberate it during the Second World War.

Look, we conservatives stand for certain things — the "permanent things" — which transcend us and which we must defend lest our civilization collapse utterly. Willmoore Kendall said it forcefully:

Survival, in itself, is not the highest value; on the contrary under the ethos of Western civilization, as revealed to us by that civilization's central teaching, survival is a relatively low value; above it, for example, ranks truth; above it also, ranks beauty; above it, far above it, ranks justice, and along with justice true religion; above it finally....ranks freedom, and along with freedom those processes of rational deliberation and discussion....that we know to be the characteristic features of truly civil society.

Gateway: When does the maximization of individual freedom lead to anarchy, or, equally bad, the kind of extreme libertarianism you called 'technocratic materialism' — "of the relentless self-server who lives for himself and for absolutely no one else, whose concern for others is expainable merely as an intellectualized recognition of the relationship between helping others and helping



William F. I

oneself." What right have conservative, whose program consists traditionally of family, church, and community, to embrace the libertarian themes of individualism, freedom, and anti-statism? Is not conservatism, as Ronald Hamowy charged, the "polar opposite" of libertarianism?

WFB: That people disagree does not mean conservatism is empty of structural content. I could give you professor Richard Weaver's definition of conservatism as "the paradigm of essences toward which the phenomenology of the world is in continuing approximation." Simultaneously, Weaver would tell you about "social bond" individualism, admitting man is a social animal belonging to the Christian humanist tradition, yet he struggles for local rights and limited government.

If I may continue, I will point out another apparent contradiction that Weaver observed: "that capitalism cannot be conservative is the true sense as long as its reliance is upon industrialism, whose very nature is to unsettle any establishment and initiate the endless innovation of technological 'progress'." Yet you find conservatives embracing the essentially libertarian 'laissez-faire' market ideology. There are other confusions. Perhaps it will suffice to say that one man's anarchism is another man's statism.

Gateway: Perhaps this traditionalist-libertarian 'fusion' or 'middle way' as Frank Meyer called it, is a response to a common enemy — modern liberalism?

WFB: Well, let me say that we grant the generality that the world would probably be better off, not worse, if a lot of people (among them a great many liberals) who are currently hard at work thinking, should disist from doing so, and spend their time, instead, cultivating the elevated thought of others.

Gateway: The wisdom-of the ages?

WFB: Precisely. Plato, Socrates,

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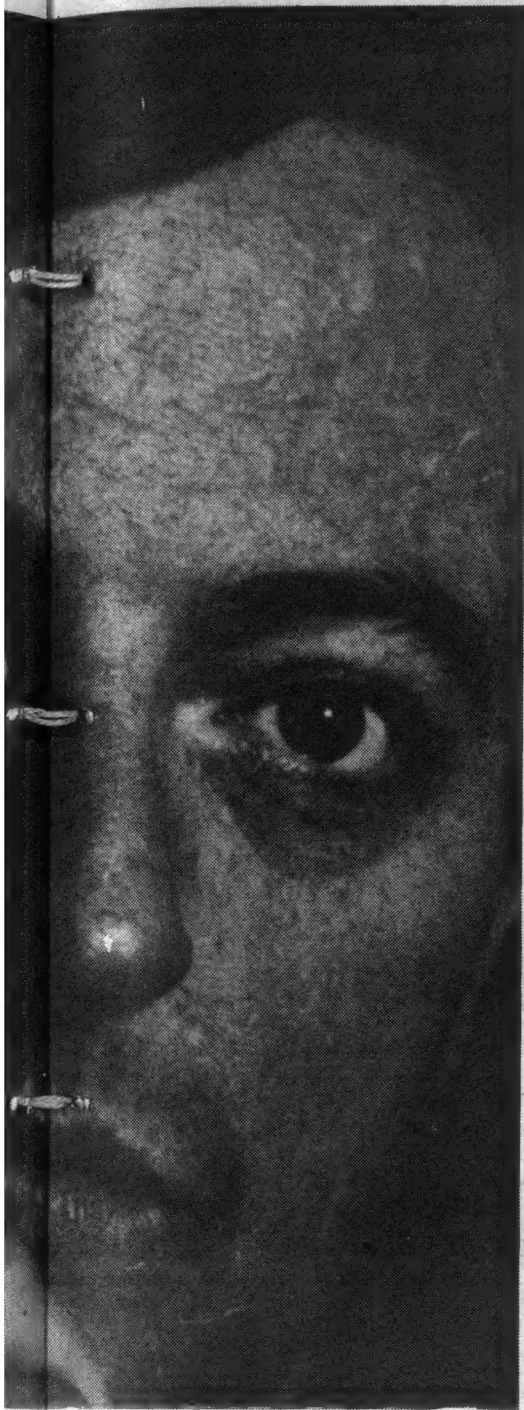
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F. Buckley, Jr.

Aristotle, Hobbes, Locke, Burke, Mill, Nietzsche, Rousseau, Newman; there are others.

Gateway: But what of the liberals? WFB: Well, we are finding more and more prominent liberals joining conservatives in expressing skepticism for the capacities of the state, the state and its genuine position in the nation being the main objection to the 'modernist' perspective.

My dear liberal friend, professor Daniel Patrick Moynihan, said not so many years ago that "Somehow liberals have been unable to acquire from life what conservatives seem to be endowed with at birth, namely, a healthy scepticism of the powers of government agencies to do good."

Moynihan cautioned his fellow liberals to 'greater care' in their attempts at social reform. So, to the extent that a liberal and a conservative both are concerned with two things — the first being the shape of the visionary or paradigmatic society toward which we labor; the second, the speed with which it is thinkable to advance toward that ideal society with the foreknowledge that any advance upon it is necessarily asymptotic — then we agree, and the struggle availeth.

Gateway: Toward the second it may; but toward the first — your visionary society founded on religion — you remain unavailed.

WFB: We are working on that. You can be a conservative and not believe in God. Can you be a conservative and despise God and feel contempt for those who believe in Him? I would say no.

Gateway: You have written, optimistically, that the gap between Christianity and atheism is not as wide as the gap between atheism and Christianity.

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Buckley: "The sustenance that gives a special bloom to Christian conservatism fails to reach the purely secularist conservatism." Translation: "God is on our side."

I disliked William F. Buckley from the moment I first began reading him. That was more than ten years ago, when my cheeks were downy, and I still thought that the imprimatur of the *New York Times* on a book was ipso facto proof of its worth:

To say Buckley is merely an entertainer is to do him gross injustice. His thoughts and epithets crackle from the page; he engages himself squarely in all the issues of the day, and his gadfly stings often draw blood. Buckley is a man of character and conviction.

New York Times

I bought two of Buckley's then-current books of essays and his *Up from Liberalism* on the basis of the *Times* blurb plus praise from *Esquire* ("What Buckley has is a sort of sparkle and grace...."), *Newsday*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Malcolm Muggeridge ("In our time free minds are desperately rare and precious, and in Buckley I detect one."), Evelyn Waugh, and other pundits.

But, try as I would, reading Buckley simply made the bile rise in my throat. I didn't force myself to read very much — just enough to get a whiff of a few disagreeable ideas (e.g. rock music is trivial at best; Christianity is exalted; censorship of the explicit depiction of sex is good policy) and to note a certain slipperiness and sanctimoniousness in his arguments. Then I shelved the books.

There they rested for many years, until in 1978 I ran across a copy of *Doonesbury's Greatest Hits* with an introduction written by...guess who. Buckley, as it happened, was as rabid a fan of the *Doonesbury* strip as myself, and the only off-note my sensitive radar could detect was Buckley's heavy-handed stress on the remarkable resemblance between cartoonist G. B. Trudeau's scintillating ideas and his own conservative views.

Well, self-promotion is only a venial sin, and if conservatism is a crime, then I am certainly liable to be arrested, for in the intervening years my own observations of the human comedy and the catalytic criticism of H. L. Mencken had made me fairly conservative, at least in my political and economic outlooks.

So I sat down to re-read Buckley, wondering if I hadn't missed something the first time around. Alas, Buckley's writing still stuck in my craw. But this time I resolved that, suffering be damned, I was going to read Buckley until I got to the bottom of his ideas.

So I read his seminal treatise *God and Man at Yale* in which, as a fresh Yale graduate, he exposed the sinister collectivism and atheism that crept into the university in the late 1940's, slithering past indifferent students, faculty, alumni and trustees, who were paralyzed by liberalism and delusions of academic freedom. Then his second book *McCarthy and His Enemies*, wherein he argued that the crusading anti-communist Senator was perhaps a bit misguided, but basically an admirable fellow on a noble mission. Then great portions of his numerous books of essays. Then his political fable *Stained Glass*.

Then I waded through his autobiographical vignette *Cruising Speed* and glimpsed at *The Unmaking of a Mayor*. Another glance at *Up from Liberalism*. All of *Four Reforms*. Snippets from *National Review*. Some newspaper columns syndicated in the *Edmonton Journal*. A peek into Buckley's anthology of 20th century conservative thought (yawn). And finally, for a little perspective, Charles Markmann's shallow but occasionally interesting book *The Buckleys* — mostly about Bill Jr. of course.

A horrible dose of Buckley it was, even spread over three years, and there was scarcely a page that didn't make me thirst

for a drink of Mencken to wash away the bad taste. But like most painful experiences it was educational. What I learned was, first, that contrary to the *New York Times* Buckley does not address issues squarely, rather he pussyfoots around them, with more adroitness than any sophist since Pangloss. Secondly, his conservatism is at best commonsensical, and at worst muddled, superficial and even downright hallucinogenic. And third, his writing has, contrary to *Esquire*, all the sparkle and grace of canned music.

As regards the first conclusion, avowed Catholic Buckley almost perfectly fulfills Nietzsche's dictum that, "Whoever has theological blood in his veins is shift and dishonorable in all things."

Take, for instance, this extract from his essay "Notes Toward an Empirical Definition of Conservatism" (from *The Jeweller's Eye*):

Can you be a conservative and believe in God? Obviously. Can you be a conservative and not believe in God? This is an empirical essay, and so the answer is, as obviously, yes. Can you be a conservative and despise God and feel contempt for those who believe in him? I would say no. True, Max Eastman is the only man who has left the masthead of *National Review* in protest against its pro-religious sympathies, but it does not follow that this deed was eccentric; he, after all, was probably the only man on *National Review* with that old-time hostility to religion associated with evangelical atheism — with e.g., the

by Jens Andersen

names of Theodore Dreiser, Upton Sinclair, Henry Mencken and Clarence Darrow, old friends of Eastman. If one dismisses religion as intellectually contemptible, it becomes difficult to identify oneself wholly with a movement in which religion plays a vital role.

The uninformed person reading this passage would quite reasonably conclude from it that Theodore Dreiser and Co. were atheists, hostile to religion, who spent a good deal of time trying to convince people that God does not exist. This innuendo, which Buckley clearly put into the passage, has all the idiot simplicity of the suggestion that Freud was a sexualist, hospitable to copulation, who spent a lot of time urging people to go to bed. It doesn't even begin to summarize the complex religious beliefs of these four markedly different men.

For example, it would hardly be an exaggeration, and perhaps even an understatement to say that the central feature of novelist and writer Theodore Dreiser's personality was his religiosity. He may not have ended up believing that heaven is paved with sapphires as described in Exodus 24:9-11, but his writings contain an unmistakable vein of deep religious feeling, which quite refutes any charge of mere hostility to religion. Indeed, more genuine awe and wonder at the ultimate mystery of life is expressed in Dreiser's one short story "The Lost Phoebe" than in the whole range of Buckley's work.

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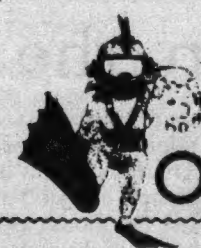
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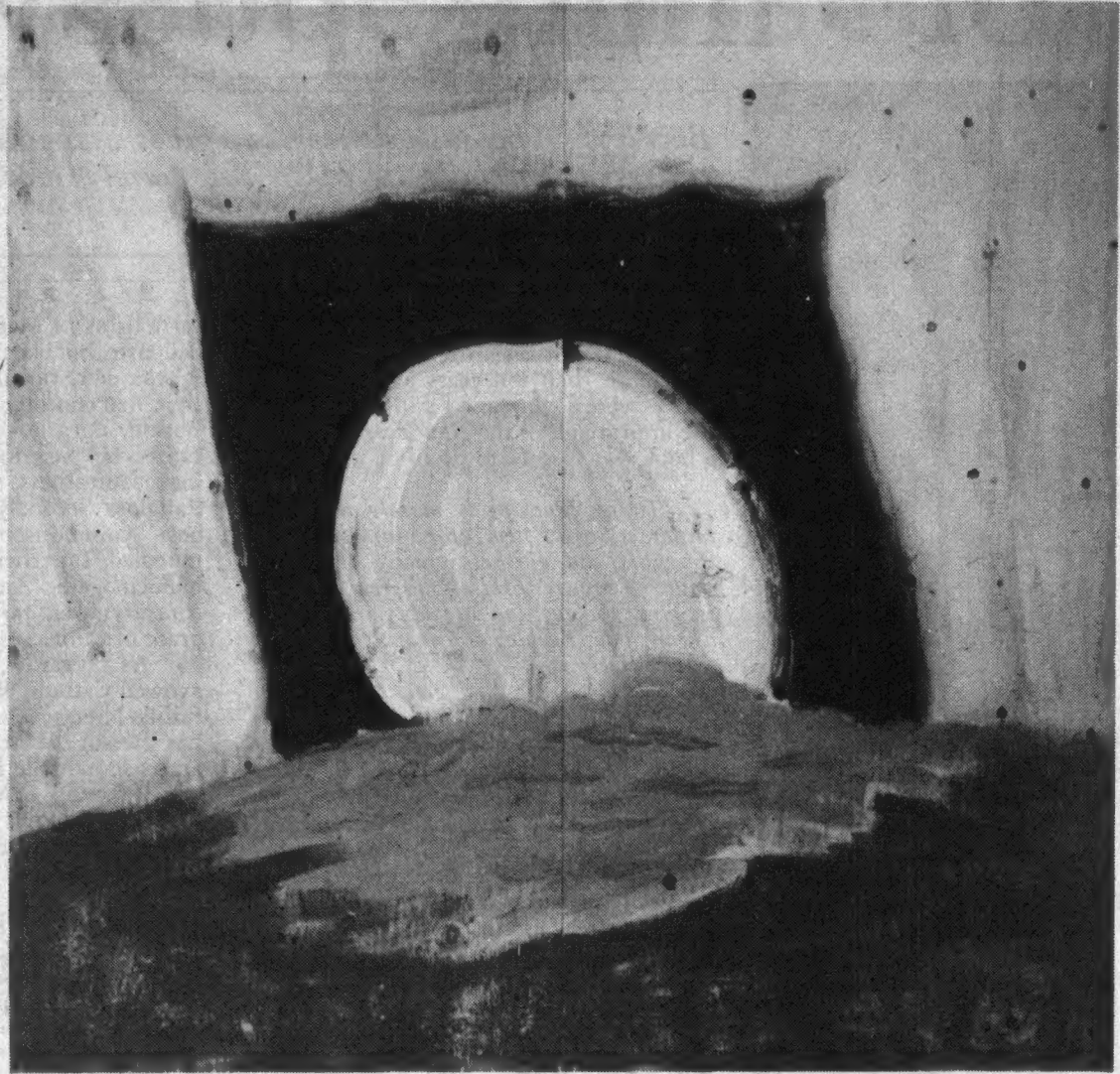
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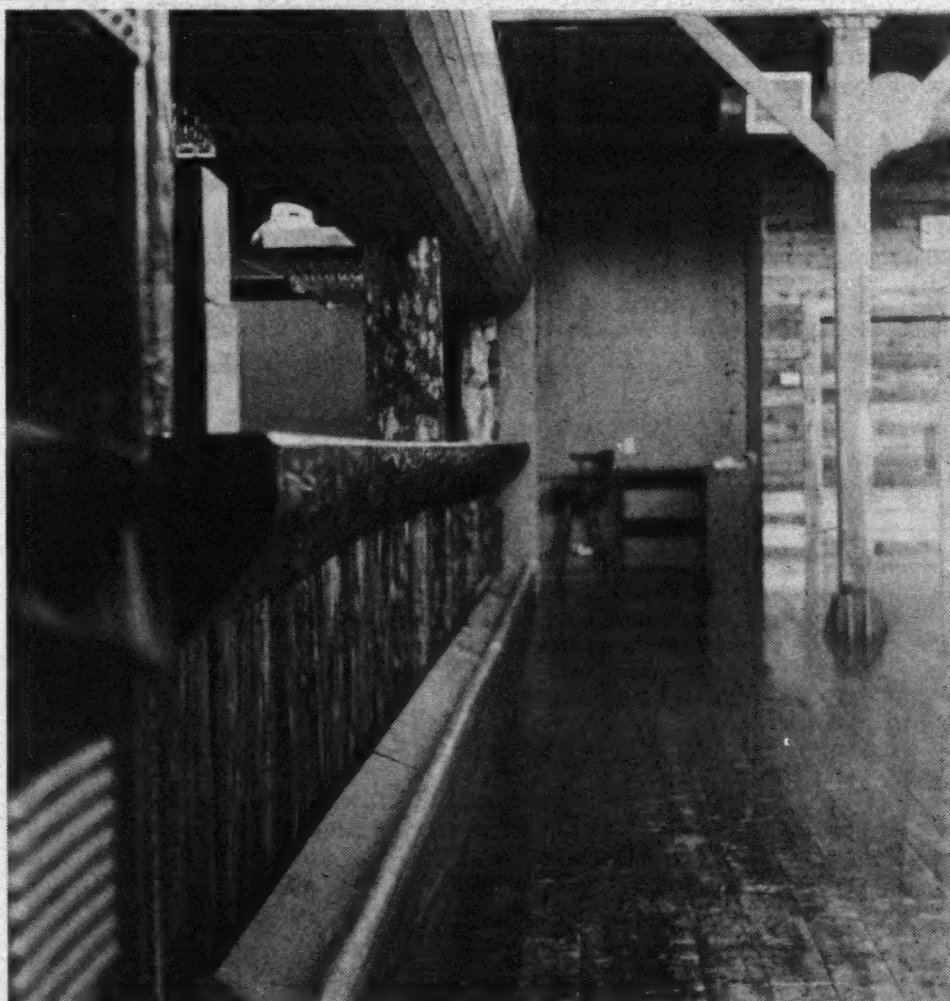
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ARTS

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Will Cuppy



Is this another Spot-the-Fraud contest? Nope. Both of these are genuine works of art. One was done by a 3-4 year old child in the SUB Day Care Centre program designed to teach children the rudiments of art. The other was done by the highly-respected Manitoba artist Wanda Koop Condon, whose work was recently on display at the SUB Art Gallery. Can you tell which is which? Of course you can't. Nor am I going to tell you. If you really want to know you can come up to the Gateway offices and try to bribe the answer out of me with a review, or a beer, or a kiss. J.A.



One of the two bars at the Cook County Saloon. The bar top is made of half a tree trunk.

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Well, normally I don't do puff jobs for new nightclubs opening up in the city, but hell, a \$2,000 bribe is a \$2,000 bribe. Hey, Peter even told me it was ethical, for only a ten-spot.

So here is the straight dope: the Cook County Saloon (or was that Spittoon?) is now open at 8060-103 St. or thereabouts. The nightspot features a main room

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What else? Well, the cover charge is variable, starting at about \$5.00, and casual dress is permissivized, which means even a low-rent type like you, dear reader, can obtain entry. Real cowboys will be asked to scrape their boots at the door.

J.A.

A heroic saga

Canadian Bolsheviks: The Early Years of the Communist Party in Canada
Ian Angus
Vanguard Publications, 1981

Review by Bruce Longbottom

This book is indisputably in the top 95% of books on Canadian Bolshevism. It presents a clear and unflinching account of the valiant struggles of the working men of Canada to stand erect against the capitalists and meld themselves together into a true Communist party, only to find themselves betrayed by the Stalinist excesses of Russian in the 1930s. Fortunately, its author is not seduced by false ideas of historical objectivity and presents the truth in a true, correct and self-assertive manner, triumphantly demonstrating the need for working men to be steadfast against Christianity, Zionism and other opiates of the worldwide working masses.

Could Communism have triumphed in Canada? Tragically, the Communists' fire was stolen from them by advocates of safe change which protected capitalists and

landholders. This was done above all by "Bible Bill" Aberhart, who allied fundamentalist Christianity with capitalism, calling his opponents traitors, and fornicators 'with principles like the man who betrayed the Christ.'

A Labour candidate was elected mayor of Edmonton in 1931 (times have changed) and even sedate Calgary had a socialist school board at the same time. But the accused Social Credit stole the socialists' thunder, just as its sister, the CCF, did in Saskatchewan.

Are, then, we Canadians too conservative for communism? The answer must be a resounding no! The workers must once again gird their loins and rise up against oppression, false ideas of trade union solidarity, and vogueish issues like womens rights, and once again (given our prolonged recession) a Communist Party in Canada can be a magnificent reality.

Then there will be flames across the border: let Reagan, Haig and their pathetic retinue quake. Canada shall be socialist and the masses shall be free.

ARTS QUIZ

Match the work with the author:



1. The Decameron
2. The Dragon Lady
3. The Right Stuff
4. Sister Carrie
5. Rules for Radicals
6. The Age of Innocence
7. The Portrait of Dorian Gray
8. In Defense of Women
9. Homage to Catalonia
10. Naked Lunch

- a. Oscar Wilde
- b. Edith Wharton
- c. Theodore Dreiser
- d. George Orwell
- e. William Burroughs
- f. Tom Wolfe
- g. Silver Donald Cameron
- h. Saul Alinsky
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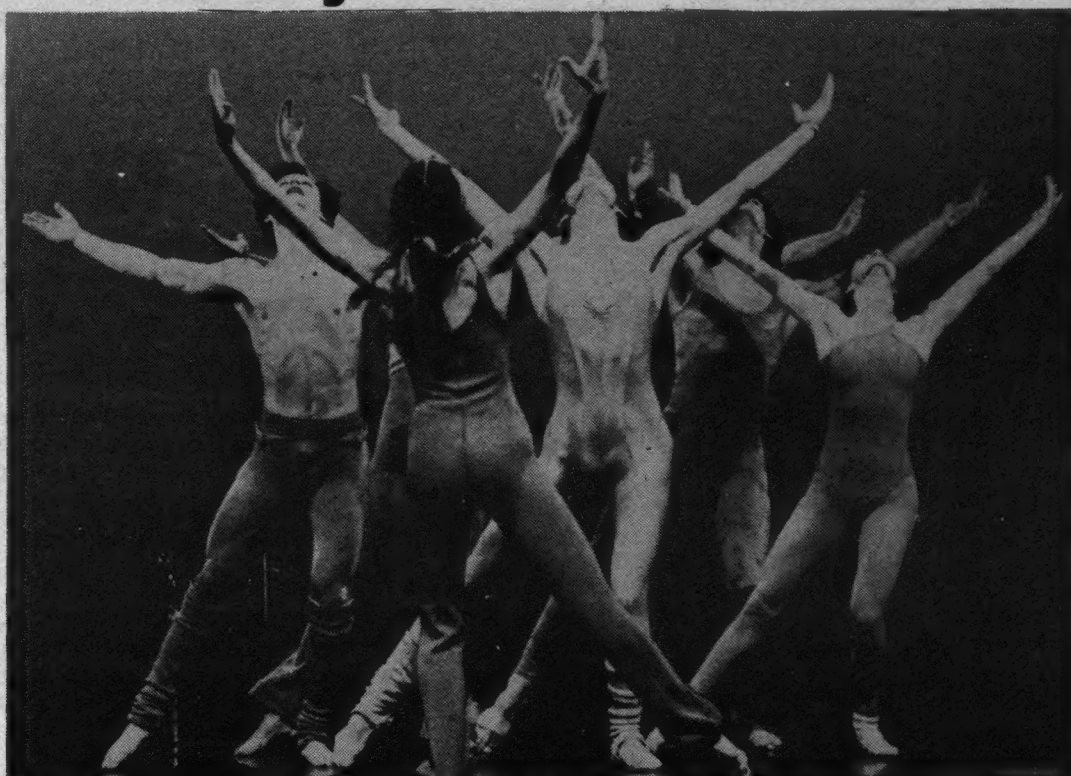
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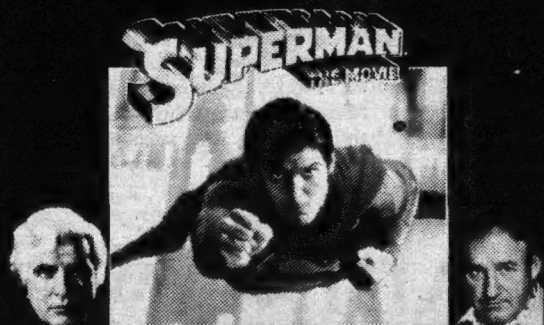
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SPORTS



Marking not over for . . . hockey players.

by Andrew Watts

With all the activity over the past month with exams and marks it seems only fitting that marks be given on the play of the one team this reporter travels with and reports on most consistently. This team is the Golden Bears hockey team. Marks will be awarded solely on their play this past semester over the first eight regular season games. Marks are out of nine.

GOAL

Terry Clark

Terry has played well in games that the rest of the team hasn't. He was in goal for the 6-4 loss to Calgary where the Dinos came back from a four goal deficit but could not be faulted. He had a couple of shaky starts but never an entire game. Mid-term mark of 6.5.

Denis Potvin

Denis has also been the unlucky victim of poor team play

Has thrown people into near heart attacks with wandering style of play. Had a superb game in a 2-1 win over Calgary that proved the Bears could hang to a lead. Nothing much to choose between Denis or Terry. Mid-term for Denis 6.5-7.

DEFENCE

Brad Helfrich

Brad has played fairly well. Has been caught a few times rushing the puck too much. Has seen spot duty on left wing. Plays aggressively, good skater, 6-6.5.

Wade Campbell

Wade got off to a really good start then slumped a little. He began to recover old form towards end of term but must continue to get better to help team. Has dished out some punishing checks using his big size, give him 6.5.

Tim Krug

Tim has consistently been the best Bears defenceman over first eight games. Has not had a bad game. Shoots the puck well,

kills penalties, plays on powerplay. Has played excellent hockey. Mid-term mark of 8.

Rick Carriere

Rick has been very aggressive in every game on defence. Always takes the body, has shown steady improvement, he will get better. Mid-term mark of 6.5.

Jeff Marshall

Jeff has been the best rookie defencemen and the second best on the team. Uses the spinorama move well and often. Uses his big size very well. Mid-term mark of 7.

FORWARDS

Joel Elliot

Joel has more goals now than in all of last year. Has always played well and his extra offence is important. Mid-term mark of 7-7.5.

Terry Sydoryk

Terry plays aggressively and works hard every game. Had bad blow to his face in Calgary but returned following week. Has been consistent in his overall play for a 6.5.

Ron Parent

Ron has not scored as well in regular season play as in exhibition but has still played very well game in, game out. Mid-term mark, give him a 6.5-7.

Ryan Wilson

Ryan has played better and better every game. Sees a lot of duty as a penalty killer and checks very well. Mid-term mark of 6.5-7.

Brad Schneider

Brad plays a tough hard game every time out. His leadership has

been valuable asset to the Bears. Mid-term mark of 6.5-7.

Perry Zapernick

Perry stirs things up every time he's out on ice. Perhaps he best exemplifies the Golden Bear work ethic. Leads by example, excellent and tenacious checker. Mid-term mark of 7.5-8.

Garnet 'Ace' Brimacombe

Ace is the leading goal scorer on the Bears team. Has shown tremendous leadership when it counts. Makes trouble for opposing goalies when he's on the ice. Has an excellent shot. Mark of 8.

Denis Leclair

Denis is probably the unluckiest player when around the opposing net. Has missed normal sure things by just inches. Has shown some good moves and quickness. Mid-term mark of 6-6.5.

Breen Neezer

Breen is another very tenacious checker who creates problems for opposing defencemen. Doesn't score many goals but his value is not diminished by that fact. Works hard every game, give him a mark of 7.

Jim Lomas

Jim is the Bears captain and

team leader and he shows this in his play. Is No. 1 on the points stats sheet. Is excellent player for others to emulate. He is always a scoring threat when on the ice and he kills penalties very well. Mid-term mark of 8.

Terry Lescison

Terry has missed quite a few games because of knee problems. He is a very fast skater and plays consistently. Mid-term mark of 6.5.

Dan Henes

Dan has shown good improvement in the last few games. Good aggressive winger who consistently contributes to Bears offence. Mid-term mark of 6.5-7.

Ryan Switzer

Ryan has been badly hampered by injury. He plays well when he does play. 6.5.

Overall team grade:

The team has played fairly well over the first eight games of the season. They have had a couple of letdowns but they were playing very well at time of Christmas break. If they continue to improve then there appears to be no reason why they shouldn't be able to secure a playoff spot, let alone first place. Overall mid-term mark of 7.

sports

As sports editor for the *Gateway* I have been privileged to certain information others aren't. I am to a small degree a member of the Edmonton sports media. As such, I have paid much more attention to the goings on in this media than the average person. Well, after observing and reading and listening to the media I have discovered something few else know: A new society has been formed in the city of Edmonton. It's not a society for the rich or eccentric but it is more a faction within the Edmonton sports media. There is no official name for the society but I like to call it the Edmonton Hype Society.

There are four principal, founding, members, they are Terry Jones, Jim Matheson, Larry Tucker and Dick Chubey. Mr. Jones has further split the group by being the president of the 'I love you Wayne' club.

Actually the society should be more clearly defined. By my observations it seems that the society is governed mainly by the Edmonton Oilers and Edmonton Eskimos. To become a member it appears you have to fawn all over these teams in your writing, be arrogant as to their chances for championships, and make excuses for losses instead of reporting what happened. This does not appear to be too costly on the surface but if you take the criteria all together then the price of admission is *extremely* high. What they amount to is a loss of credibility within their profession. The members of this society have stopped reporting what happened in a game and are simply telling people how great the Oilers and Eskimos were, are, and will be. When these teams do happen to lose, instead of telling what happened, they make excuses. An example of such an excuse was given by Mr. Matheson on the Oilers 3-1 loss to Vancouver on December 31, 1981. He wrote that there was "too much partying the night before" . . . and the "Oilers were tucked out New Year's Eve." Golly gee whiz and I thought the Oilers were professionals. There was no account of what happened, simply excuses. The members of the 'Edmonton Hype Society' appear to have lost their objectivity and when this happens they are nothing more than glorified, poncified, overpaid high school hype artists.

A sports reporter should remain objective to report clearly and concisely what happened in a game. If a team played poorly then this is why they lost. Give credit to the opposing team if that is where credit is due. There can be no excuses made, that is not reporting, be it sports or news.

This loss of objectivity is particularly detrimental to the reporter, a columnist like Jones or Tucker have a little bit of room to manoeuvre in this area. But they can still lose their credibility as sports writers through sheer arrogance. An example was perfectly presented by Mr. Jones in a column the day before the 1981 Grey Cup game between the Edmonton Eskimos and the Ottawa Rough Riders. Mr. Jones wrote: "the only thing more sure than an Eskimo victory tomorrow is that the sun shall rise in the morning." The question is by how many points. We all know what happened. The day after the game he wrote on the gutsiness and heart of the Ottawa team. A complete turn-around to his premature obliteration. I believe this stickhandling type of hypocrisy loses credibility. In my mind Mr. Jones has no right calling himself a reporter, or columnist.

I would like to say something, at this point about Mr. Jones' presidency of the 'I love you Wayne' club. I do not deny that Gretzky is the best in the NHL. I believe he is one of the best to lace up skates ever. But Mr. "Waynederful" is not immune from poor play or poor sportsmanship. He has exhibited both in his career as have many other greats. I do not deny the records he has set and the stats he has compiled. They are truly phenomenal. But one can go to far as did Mr. Jones on Wed. Dec. 30. In an interview Mr. Jones came up with a brand new Gretzky statistic. He stated, in all earnest, that Gretzky had blank amount of goals and blank assists in the past calendar year. He believes this record will never be broken. Of course it won't, it's not even a record to begin with as recognized by the NHL! So Mr. Jones, who gives a shit?

If I do choose a career in journalism and more specifically sports, I hope I never lower myself so as to be considered a member of the 'Edmonton Hype Society.' To be such is to no longer be a reporter.



Sport Shorts

Although many of us were resting and relaxing over the holidays the U of A intercollegiate teams were playing games all over the country.

The Bears basketball team took part in the Calgary Dinosaur Classic over the holidays and came away with a 1-1 record. The men were defeated by the U of Victoria 97-91 on Saturday but came back to defeat the U of Saskatchewan 61-56 on Sunday.

The Pandas travelled to Ontario for several games but scores were not available at press time.

On the home front the hockey Bears beat NAIT Ooks-piks twice on the weekend. On Saturday the Bears came away with a 5-3 win and on Sunday the team won 5-1. In Sunday's game Denis Leclair was the big gun for the team as he put in two goals while Perry Zapernick led the team on Saturday with two assists and one goal.

All teams are busy in the coming weekend. Look for the calendar of events, times and places on Thursday.

Sports Quiz



I know it's only Tuesday but there wasn't really much happen over the holidays so the quiz gets bumped up. Today I put forth a direct challenge (sort of). I used no books in making up the following questions. I simply drew on my vast knowledge in the realm of sports (ahem). Well without further adieu I shall now attempt to stump you. Some questions may be repeats because I can't remember every question which has gone before. Just a reminder that if you want a quiz of your own run just bring it up and I'll run it.

1. Who was nicknamed the "gallopin' ghost"? (1 pt.), what sports was he in? (1 pt.)
2. What is the most recent pro hockey championship to be won by an Edmonton team? (1 pt.)
3. Who won the first ever Super Bowl? (1 pt.)
4. Who was the first wild card team to achieve Super Bowl status? (1 pt.)
5. Who won the Heisman trophy last year? (1 pt.)
6. What college did Joe Namath attend and who was his college coach? (2 pts.)
7. In what round was Johnny Unitas drafted by the Baltimore Colts? (1 pt.)
8. What NHL goalie holds the record for an unbeaten string? (1 pt.)
9. What is the Tinkers to Evans to Chance combination? (1 pt.)
10. In 1969 the 'Miracle Mets' won the World Series. How many double plays did they turn in that series. (Hint: it's a baseball record, 1 pt.)

Answers next page.

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Answers to Sports Quiz
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3. The New York Jets. They beat the Baltimore Colts by the way.
4. The Dallas Cowboys (I may be wrong on this one).
5. George Rogers.
6. Joe Namath attended Alama and his coach was Alama's Bear Bryant.
7. Johnny Unitas was never drafted. He was discovered playing sandlot ball for an industrial team in Pittsburgh.
8. Gerry Cheevers with a record of 24 - 0 - 6 in 70-71.
9. It is a double play combination that was one of the best in baseball.
10. The Mets didn't turn any double plays in that series or the playoffs. That's the record.

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WFB: Well, something like that. It is a risky proposition that a Christian could associate with a God-hater more easily than the God-hater with the Christian. But the reason why Christians can associate with atheists is because we hold that, above all, faith is a gift and that, therefore, there is no accounting for the bad fortune that had beset those who do not believe or the good fortune that has befallen those who do.

I have grounds for optimism based not merely on my own amiable experience with all but the most dedicated atheists, but on the conviction that the hideousness of a science-centered age has resulted in a stimulation of religious scholarship and of all those other impulses, intellectual and spiritual, by which man is constantly confounding the most recent wave of neoterics who insist that man is merely a pandemoniac conjunction of ethereal gases. The atheists have not got around to answering Huxley's self critical confession that neither he nor his followers had succeeded in showing how you can deduce Hamlet from the molecular structure of a mutton chop.

Gateway: We're wrapping up, but I would like to ask, what you think is the gravest crisis we face today?

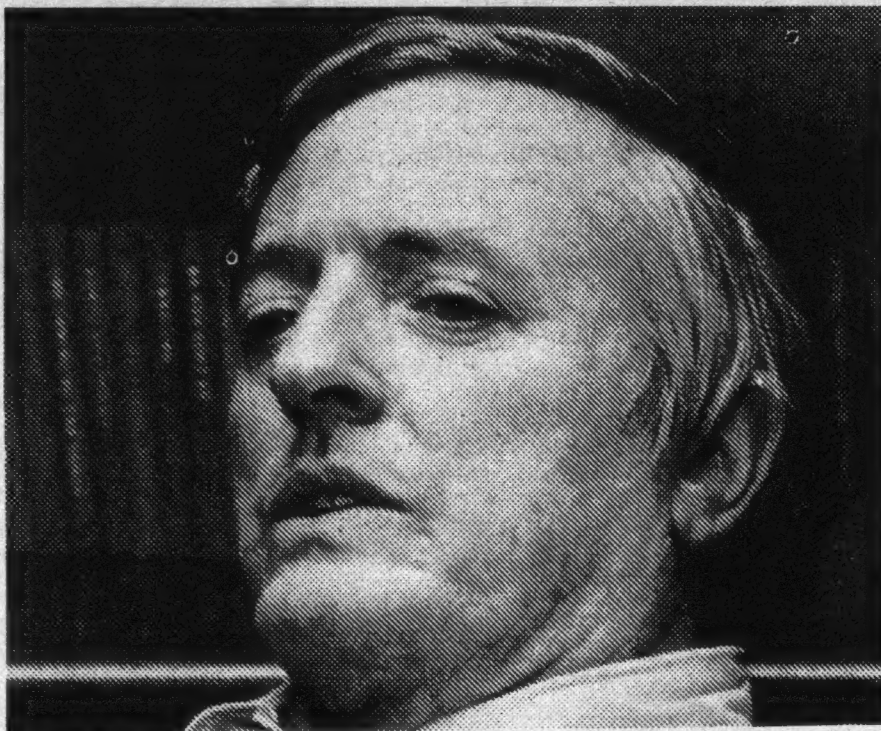
WFB: I deplore this century's most distinctive aggression, which is against privacy, publicly understood. It is not simply that we want peace and quietude. Indeed, Trotsky observed that "If you wish to lead a quiet life, you picked the wrong century to be born in." ("And indeed," observed Whittaker Chambers, "the point was finally proven when a pickaxe mauled the brain of the man who framed those words")

But given that, recognize that is essentially the modernist view that only the state can negotiate the shoals that lie ahead of twentieth century man. We are accordingly urged to believe in the state as the primary agent of individual concerns, a belief that is embedded in the analysis and rhetoric of socialism.

It is the chronic failure of liberalism that it obliges circumstance because it had an inadequate discriminatory apparatus which might cause it to take any other course. There are unemployed in America? *Rush them aid.* Commuters do not want to pay the cost of subways? *Get someone else to pay it.* Farmers do not want to leave the land? *Let them till it, buy and destroy and produce.* Labor unions want the closed shop? *It is theirs.* Inflation goes forward in all industrialized societies? *We will have continued inflation.* Communism is in control behind the Iron Curtain? *Coexist with it.* The tidal wave of industrialism will

Andersen

One could also mention that Mencken was an agnostic, not an atheist; that his general attitude to religion was not



William F. Buckley, Jr.

sweep in the welfare state? *Pull down the sea walls!*

Gateway: You have the answers, no doubt.

WFB: A Program? Call it a No-Program, if you will. I will not cede more power to the state. I will hoard my power like a miser, resisting every effort to drain it away from me. I will than use my power, as I see fit. I mean to live my life an obedient man, but obedient to God, subservient to the wisdom of my ancestors; never to the authority of political truths arrived at yesterday at the voting booth. That is a program of sorts, is it not?

Gateway: And how goes it?

WFB: I can only repeat what I said along time ago. It is undoubtedly necessary, every now and then, to bare one's teeth; and we do so, preferably in the course of smiling. But the smiles have a way of freezing, as the sadness rolls in. The joys of warmaking (for conservative causes) presuppose the eventual stillness of victory; and that, so far as I can see, is beyond our reach. Perhaps it was meant to be so.

The next line was "Perhaps. But one must resist...." written by Geroge H. Nash

hostility, but amused disdain; that he was reverent, not hostile to Bach's *B Minor Mass*; that in his time Mencken championed the Latin Mass of the Catholic Church as vociferously as Buckley does nowadays; that Mencken made no special

efforts to "evangelize" for agnosticism since he was convinced that believers of any stripe could only switch delusions, not drop them; and finally that all four men were not hostile towards "religion" per se (such an attitude is biologically impossible, as Buckley knows full well, for he has argued that man is basically a religious animal) but rather they were hostile towards certain aspects of religion, e.g. the harassment of civilized people by pious busybodies who yowl for prohibition, suppression and censorship of ideas they dislike, anti-evolution laws, blue laws, anti-birth control laws, ad nauseam.

Buckley probably knows all this (he regularly drops Mencken's name with an air of easy familiarity) so the misrepresentation seems willful. Buckley has bitterly and justifiably complained about being labelled a fascist on many occasions, but the intellectual decency he expects from his opponents is something he seems reluctant to return.

Note also Buckley's curious logic in his rhetorical question, "Can you be a conservative and despise God and feel contempt for those who believe in him?" Notice, especially, how the question is predicated on the assumption that God exists (one can't despise something that doesn't exist). Note, finally, how this assumption makes nonsense of the question, since if one assumes God exists then it would be absurd to feel contempt for someone who likewise believes in him. Clearly Buckley was less interested in asking a pertinent (and intelligible) question than in raising the spectre of atheists gnashing their teeth at the devout.

Buckley's horrendous English also makes an appearance, in the last sentence of the passage. To say that religion plays a vital role in conservatism is to say nothing. It plays a vital role even in communism, where it performs the crucial function of scapegoat. Indeed, it would be hard to find an area of human affairs that it doesn't play a role in.

Buckley has always been vague on the exact nature of the link between conservatism and religion, but he has always vehemently insisted it was there. Here is another sample, still from the same essay: "The sustenance that gives a special bloom to Christian conservatism fails to reach the purely secularist conservatism." Translation: "God is on our side." Never mind that Buckley blooms into libel of Mencken, incomprehensible logic, and opaque clichés like "playing a vital role"; the inspiration is definitely there.

(This spectroscopic analysis will be continued Thursday, including the great revelation about the hallucinogenic side of Buckley's conservative philosophy.)

in *The Conservative Intellectual Movement in America Since 1945*, a lengthy excerpt of which appeared in the 20th Anniversary of *National Review*. I should note at this point that contrived 'interview' with William F. Buckley; it relies principally on two sources: Buckley's introduction to *Did You Ever See a Dream Walking?*; *American Conservative Thought in the Twentieth Century* and the last chapter of Buckley's *Up From Liberalism*, in which he outlines his conservative program. Other sources include Buckley's *Inveighing We Will Go*, *The Governor Listeth*, *The Jeweler's Eye*, *A Hymnal*, *Rumbles Left and Right*, and innumerable editions of *National Review*.

It has been my intention in contriving a chat with Buckley really to expose to our readers some thoughts and some literature uncommon to the twentieth century. Though certainly I have taken Buckley out of context and attributed to him quotations clearly unspoken and unwritten, (albeit rarely), and then for transitional purposes, I have sincerely tried not to attribute things that he *could not have said or written*.

P.M.

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